MEMORANDUM.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, OCTOBER TERM, 1902.

Thursday, December 4, 1902.

The Chief Justice announced the following order

Ordered that the letter of resignation of the Reporter of this Court, Mr. J. C. Bancroft Davis, and the response of the Court thereto, be entered upon the minutes of the Court,

(The letter of resignation and response of the Court are printed in full in 186 U. S. Reports, pp. 487)

And it is further ordered, that Mr. Charles Henry Butler be, and he is hereby, appointed Reporter of this Court in place of Mr. J. C. Bancroft Davis, resigned, and he is charged with the duty of reporting the decisions of the present term from its commencement.

Mr. Butler being present in Court, the oaths of office were administered to him by the clerk.

The Reporter will endeavor to report the decisions with all dispatch which is compatible with accuracy. He, however, asks indulgence for the next few months as a number of decisions had been handed down during the present term prior to the commencement of his actual attendance upon the Court, and this accumulation has necessarily delayed the issuance of this part in which only a few of the opinions appear; the other opinions, about forty in all, will be published in two parts, which are now in press and which will be issued during January and February.

With the consent of the Court, the Reporter has arranged with the publishers to issue temporary parts of volumes on the first and fifteenth of every month, which will contain all decisions rendered by the Court up to the time of going to press of each part respectively. The parts so issued will be for temporary use, new bound volumes will be furnished as soon as completed and published. By this method it is hoped to make the United States Reports the earliest and most convenient publication, as well as the only official reports, of the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States.

JANUARY 15, 1903.